

Abstract

A query progress indicator that provides an indication to a user of the progress of a query being executed on a database. The indication of the progress of the query allows the user to decide whether the query should be allowed to complete or should be aborted. One method that may be used to estimate the progress of a query that is being executed on a database defines a model of work performed during execution of a query. The total amount of work that will be performed during execution of the query is estimated according to the model. The amount of work performed at a given point during execution of the query is estimated according to the model. The progress of the query is estimated using the estimated amount of work at the given point in time and the estimated total amount of work. This estimated progress of query execution may be provided to the user.